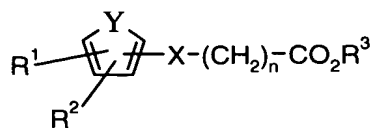


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of formula I:



I;

wherein:

R¹ and R² are each independently H, OH, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, CF₃, halo or NR⁴R^{4'};

R³ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl;

X is a 5-membered aromatic heterocycle that is optionally substituted with C₁-C₄ alkyl; wherein said heterocycle contains at least two or three heteroatoms selected from N, S and O wherein at least one heteroatom must be N;

Y is S, CR⁵=N or N=CR⁵;

n is 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7;

R⁴ is H, COR⁶, SO₂R⁷, or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

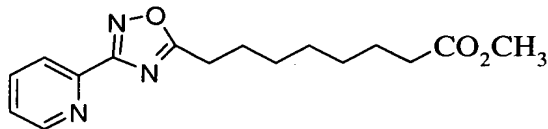
R^{4'} is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁵ is H or forms a bond with X;

R⁶ is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; and

R⁷ is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

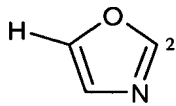
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof; wherein said compound of formula I is not:



2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are each independently H, OH, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, CF₃, halo or NR⁴R^{4'} and wherein X is not substituted with C₁-C₄ alkyl.

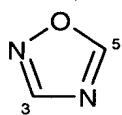
3. (Original) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein R³ is H.

4. (Original) The compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein X is



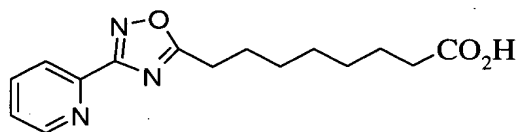
; R³ is H and the (CH₂)_nCO₂R³ moiety is attached at position number 2; or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

5. (Original) The compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein X is



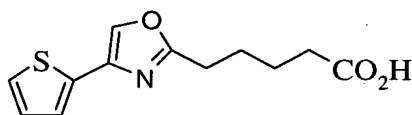
; R³ is H and the (CH₂)_nCO₂R³ moiety is attached at position number 5; or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

6. (Original) A compound which is



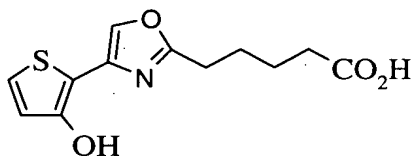
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

7. (Original) A compound which is



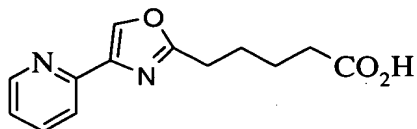
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

8. (Original) A compound which is



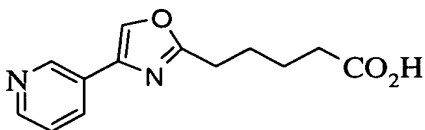
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

9. (Original) A compound which is



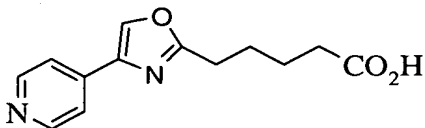
or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

10. (Original) A compound which is



or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

11. (Original) A compound which is



or a pharmaceutical salt thereof.

12. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- a) a compound of ~~any one of claims 3-11~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutical salt thereof; and
- b) a GLP-1 compound.

13. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 12 ~~14~~ wherein the GLP-1 compound is Val⁸-Glu²²-GLP-1(7-37)OH.

14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

- a) a compound of ~~any one of claims 3-11~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutical salt thereof; and
- b) an MC4 agonist peptide.

15. (Cancelled)